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SUBJECT:MSG DESK

REF: ABIDJAN 0750

1. SY/FO AND A/FBO PERSONNEL AGAIN REVIEWED FLOOR PLAN OF CHANCERY LOBBY. IT IS SLL RECOMMENDED THAT MSG DESK BE LOCATED OUTSIDE ROOM 106.

2. SY/FO APPRECIATES AND UNDERSTANDS RSO RECOMMENDATION AND CAN SEE SOME ADVANTAGES TO PLACE DESK OUTSIDE ROOM 109. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING ARE REASONS WHY ROOM 106 LOCATION WAS SELECTED:

A. IF THE DESK IS PLACED OUTSIDE ROOM 109, THERE WILL BE LESS THAN 3 1/2 FEET BETWEEN DESK AND FRONT OF BUILDING (WHICH WILL BE ALL GLASS).

B. THE MAIN DOOR IS ACROSS THE LOBBY FROM ROOM 109 LOCATION. VISITORS WOULD VIRTUALLY BE BEYOND MSG POSITION UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING. EXISTING PLANS DO NOT INCLUDE
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ANY TYPE OF GRILL OR BARRIER TO PRECLUDE THIS SITUATION.

C. ROOM 106 POSITION IS A MORE CENTRAL LOCATION. THERE IS SUFFICIENT SPACE FOR PROPOSED MSG DESK WHICH WILL HOUSE NECESSARY SY EQUIPMENT AND ALARMS. THIS POSITION ALSO PROVIDES VISUAL ACCESS TO CONSULAR SECTION WAITING AREA.

3. RE PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTTEL: FBO ADVISES THAT CONDUITS CAN BE EXTENDED ACROSS LOBBY WITH LITTLE EFFORT.

4. POST AND RSO MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING:

A. ONE-WAY WINDOW IN NCOIC OFFICE PROVIDING VISUAL ACCESS TO CONSULAR SECTION WAITING AREA.

B. GRILL GATE ON STAIRWELL (GATE WOULD BE ELECTRICALLY CONTROLLED BY MSG).

C. SECOND MSG POST IN LOBBY AREA DURING BUSINESS HOURS. THIS RECOMMENDATION IS BASED ON POST REQUEST FOR PERMANENT INCREASE TO MSG T/O (FOUR MARINES). SY/FO IS AWAITING JUSTIFICATION FROM THE RSO.

5. COPY OF DESK SKETCH WILL BE POUCHED TO RSO. INGERSOLL

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